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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 21, 2005, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on September 21, 2005. As indicated on the Fax Transmission Cover Letter, Applicant petitions herewith for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period of response to October 21, 2005.

Please consider the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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